

## Additional Resources for Parents

### Elementary School (and Earlier)

Understanding your Young Child's Stages of Development

*Information on child development for parents of one to five year olds.*

<http://www.cwla.org/positiveparenting/stages.htm>

Story Blocks – Literacy Development

*Collection of 30-60 second videos for parents, caregivers, and library staff designed to model songs, rhymes, and finger-plays appropriate for early childhood. Each video clip includes tips to increase caregivers' understanding of child development and pre-literacy needs.*

<http://www.storyblocks.org/>

Reading Tip Sheets

*Reading tip sheets, available in multiple languages, for parents of babies, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners, first graders, second graders, and third graders.*

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/guides/readingtips/>

Reading Rockets

*Teaching kids to read and helping those who struggle.*

<http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents/>

### Middle School

The Parent's Guide to Middle School

*Information on topics relevant to parents of middle schoolers, including adolescent brain development, online safety, encouraging positive body image, bullying and more.*

<http://www.education.com/grade/middle-school/>

10 Tips for Middle School Parents

*Tips on how to stay involved in your middle school child's education.*

<http://www.schoolfamily.com/school-family-articles/article/801-10-tips-for-middle-school-parents>

Scholastic Parent Guide: Starting Middle School

*Articles for parents about the transition to middle school.*

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=84>

PBS Parents - Middle School Resources

*Links to resources about middle school, including online articles, websites, and books.*

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/itsmylife/resources/middleschool.html>

A Middle School Parent's College Prep Guide

*Information about planning for college in middle school.*

<http://www.greatschools.org/college-prep/planning/594-middle-school-parents-college-prep-guide.gs>

### Helpful Websites for Parents of Middle School Students

*Links to websites for parents of middle schoolers, about topics including literacy and general education.*

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/EnglishLanguageArts/ParentResources/Helpful+Websites+for+Parents+of+Middle+School+Students.htm>

### Tip Sheet for Middle School Parents

*Brief outline with information about middle school students and tips on how to support their academic development at home.*

[http://www.ed-alliance.org/document/document\\_164.pdf](http://www.ed-alliance.org/document/document_164.pdf)

## High School

### The Parent's Guide to High School

*Information on topics relevant to parents of high schoolers, including college, dating, and what to expect in high school.*

<http://www.education.com/grade/high-school/>

### Parent's Guide to the Michigan Merit Curriculum

*Short guide to the Michigan Merit Curriculum that highlights key points parents may be interested in.*

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Parent\\_12.20.06\\_181524\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Parent_12.20.06_181524_7.pdf)

### Resources for Parents: The High School Years

*A variety of books intended to help parents successfully guide their children through high school.*

<http://school.familyeducation.com/high-school/parenting/37642.html>

### PBS Parents – High School Resources

*Links to resources about high school, including online articles and books.*

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/itsmylife/resources/highschool.html>

### Great Books about High School

*Fiction and non-fiction books about high school intended to address middle school students concerns and fears about the transition.*

[http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/school/highschool/print\\_books.html](http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/school/highschool/print_books.html)

### Communicating with your Teenager

*Short tip sheet with information about respectfully communicating with teenagers.*

<http://www.cwla.org/positiveparenting/teen.htm>

### A Guide for African American Parents: How to Help your Child Prepare for College and Career

*Information about the college planning, application, and financial aid process, specifically for African American students and parents.*

[http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/AA%20Parent%20Guide\(web\).pdf](http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/AA%20Parent%20Guide(web).pdf)

A Guide for Hispanic Parents: How to Help your Child Prepare for College and Career

*Information about the college planning, application, and financial aid process, specifically for Hispanic students and parents.*

[http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/Hispanic%20Parent%20Guide\(web\).pdf](http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/Hispanic%20Parent%20Guide(web).pdf)

Hacia Adelante: Pathways to College. A Guide for Families in Texas

*Comprehensive guide for parents, including basic information on college and a planning for college workbook.*

[http://www.idra.org/images/stories/eng\\_pub.pdf](http://www.idra.org/images/stories/eng_pub.pdf)

Also available in Spanish: [http://www.idra.org/images/stories/spa\\_pub.pdf](http://www.idra.org/images/stories/spa_pub.pdf)

Parent Involvement = Student Achievement

<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-5233-23090--,00.html>

Family and Community Involvement

[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753\\_38684\\_29823-101854--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753_38684_29823-101854--,00.html)

Parent Involvement Research

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Final\\_Parent\\_Involvement\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_14732\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Final_Parent_Involvement_Fact_Sheet_14732_7.pdf)

Family FUNdamentals Pre K – 3 Learning Activities

<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140--69358--,00.html>

### **College Applications and Financial Aid**

The Michigan College Access Portal (MichiganCAP): <https://www.michigancap.org/> College.gov, developed by the U.S. Department of Education, is intended to be a resource for students, parents, and educators about planning, preparing and paying for postsecondary education. <http://www.college.gov/wps/portal>

In Spanish:

[http://www.college.gov/wps/portal/es\\_college?WCM\\_GLOBAL\\_CONTEXT=/wps/wcm/connect/college\\_es/college/parents/parents](http://www.college.gov/wps/portal/es_college?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/wps/wcm/connect/college_es/college/parents/parents)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to determine the amount of money a family is expected to contribute to their child's postsecondary education. To complete the FAFSA, visit: [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

The U.S. Department of Education's publishes an annual report regarding federal student aid and provides information on how to apply for grants, loans, and work study programs.

*Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid:*

[http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student\\_guide/index.html](http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html)

The U.S. Department of Education has compiled this list of Spanish resources about college and financial aid.

College Resources in Spanish:

<http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/bienvenidos/es/college.html>

Mid-Continent Comprehensive Center

<http://www.mc3edsupport.org/community/knowledgebases/Project-1.html>

Massachusetts Parent Information & Resource Center (PIRC): Parents' Place Pointers

<http://pplace.org/publications/pointers/English/pppell.pdf>

Declaration of rights for parents of English Language Learners under no child left behind

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/decofparentrights.doc>

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=194>

## Spanish Resources

Glossary of Education Terms

*Produced by the California Department of Education. Some terms may be specific to California, but this glossary could be help you navigate and understand the education system.*

English to Spanish <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/c4/documents/engspanglossary.doc>

Spanish to English <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/c4/documents/spanengglossary.doc>

Que Ningún Niño Se Quede Atrás: Una guía para los padres

No Child Left Behind Parent Guide in Spanish – U.S. Department of Education

*Information about ESEA/NCLB for parents, regarding students' and parents' rights, specific federal programs and other resources.*

<http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/parents/academic/involve/nclbguide/index.html>

Guia para Tareas Para Padres que Quieren Ayudar a que sus Hijos Tengan Éxito

A Guide to Homework for Parents Who Want to Help their Children Succeed

*Printable brochure with information about state academic standards and homework, and provides tips for parents to help their child succeed in school.*

[http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/HW%20Brochure%20sp\\_0.pdf](http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/HW%20Brochure%20sp_0.pdf)

Como Mejorar la Educación de sus Hijos – Guía Para Padres Latinos

How to Improve Your Child's Education – Guide for Latino Parents

*Article about the benefits of education with advice for parents on how to help their child succeed academically.*

[http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/imprvgeduLatino\\_Espanol.pdf](http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/imprvgeduLatino_Espanol.pdf)

Mejorando su escuela: una guía para padres y comunidades sobre la ley "Que ningún niño se quede atrás"

Improving your School: A Guide for Parents and Communities about ESEA/NCLB  
*Brief explanation and summary of ESEA/NCLB. Includes information on why it's important and how the law is applied.*

<http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/UserguideSpanish.pdf>

<http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/Factsheets04Spanish.pdf>

Tip Sheet for Middle School Parents

*Outlines ways parents of middle school students can support their children.*

[http://www.ed-alliance.org/document/document\\_165.pdf](http://www.ed-alliance.org/document/document_165.pdf)

Reading Tip Sheets

*Reading tip sheets, available in Spanish, for parents of babies, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners, first graders, second graders, and third graders.*

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/guides/readingtips/>

Preguntas que hacen los padres sobre las escuelas

*Spanish version of research-based tips for parents that provide both practical guidance and valuable information about a range of topics, including: preparing your child for school; knowing what to expect from your child's kindergarten teacher; monitoring school work; working with schools and teachers effectively; helping your child with reading and homework; and ensuring that your child's school is safe and drug-free.*

<http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/parents/academic/help/preguntas/index.html>

La Selección de una Escuela para Su Hijo

*Information on how to choose a school for your child. Includes parent tips and guidelines for selecting a school that is right for your child.*

<http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/parents/schools/choose/index.html>

Cómo ayudar a su hijo a tener éxito en la escuela

*Resources to help your child succeed in school. Includes home activities, guidelines for working with teachers and schools, and tips for helping your child with test-taking.*

<http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/parents/academic/escuela/index.html>

Individualized Education Program (IEP) Development Process

*Downloadable IEP Forms, available in Spanish.*

[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530\\_6598\\_36168-236252--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6598_36168-236252--,00.html)

Parents Academic Help Partnership

*Provides access to many U.S. Department of Education resources and information available to assist parents. Links to information in English and Spanish.*

[www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/partnership.html](http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/partnership.html)

Información para familias y miembros de la comunidad

*Simple steps to increase family and community engagement and promote student achievement.*

<http://www2.ed.gov/Family/agbts/Participar/index.html>

Hacia Adelante: Pathways to College. Una Guía para Familias Latinas

*Comprehensive guide for parents, including basic information on college and a planning for college workbook.*

[http://www.idra.org/images/stories/spa\\_pub.pdf](http://www.idra.org/images/stories/spa_pub.pdf)

## General Websites and Organizations

Colorín Colorado

*Un sitio bilingüe para familias y maestros para ayudar a los niños a leer.*

*A bilingual site for families and educators of English language learners.*

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/?langswitch=es>

PBS Padres

*Online resource about child development from birth through early education.*

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/about/spanish/>

Recursos en español del Departamento de Educación de los EE.UU.

*Links to Spanish language resources from the U.S. Department of Education about a variety of topics, including Special Education/IDEA, Adult Education, University Education, and ESEA/NCLB.*

<http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/bienvenidos/es/index.html>

## Community Organizations

Latin Americans United for Progress – Holland, MI

*Goal: empower Latinos to be full participants in the life of the larger community. Offers Adult Education and Youth Development programs and other supportive services.*

<http://laup.org/>

Hispanic Agencies & Organizations – Michigan Department of Civil Rights

*Information on several Hispanic agencies in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Flint, and Saginaw.*

[http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr/0,1607,7-138-58275\\_3064-135591--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr/0,1607,7-138-58275_3064-135591--,00.html)

## National Organizations

PTA Nacional

*Mission: "To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children."*

<http://www.pta.org/4037.asp>

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund

*MALDEF is the nation's leading Latino legal civil rights organization.*

<http://www.maldef.org>

## Arabic Resources

Quick Tips – *From the National Literacy Trust, a UK based organization, that promotes literacy development.*

Sharing Songs and Rhymes

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0350/songsarabic.pdf>

Say hello to your new baby

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0321/helloarabic.pdf>

Making the most of television

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0378/televisionarabic.pdf>

Talking with your baby

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0364/talkingarabic.pdf>

Sharing books with your baby

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0291/booksarabic.pdf>

Talk to your baby in your own language

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0277/bilingualarabic.pdf>

Playing with your baby

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0335/playarabic.pdf>

## Resources from New York City Schools

Questions to ask at parent-teacher conferences

[http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/EFFF410A-4525-40E2-AB10-BBDD921AA955/67445/ELLsBookmark2008\\_Arabic\\_HiRes.pdf](http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/EFFF410A-4525-40E2-AB10-BBDD921AA955/67445/ELLsBookmark2008_Arabic_HiRes.pdf)

The Benefits of Literacy

[http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/EFFF410A-4525-40E2-AB10-BBDD921AA955/68941/ELLbookmark2009\\_Arabic.pdf](http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/EFFF410A-4525-40E2-AB10-BBDD921AA955/68941/ELLbookmark2009_Arabic.pdf)

Tips for Reading with Children – *From the Minnesota Humanities Center*

[http://www.bpl.bc.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/kids/Arabic\\_0.pdf](http://www.bpl.bc.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/kids/Arabic_0.pdf)

Summer Learning Tips – *From the California Department of Education*  
<http://inet2.cde.ca.gov/cmd/documentdetail.aspx?doc=3094>

Internet Safety for Kids – *From the British Columbia Ministry of Education*  
<http://www.bpl.bc.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/kids/internetsafetyarabic.pdf>

A Guide to Your Children's Schools – *From the Illinois State Board of Education*  
<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/bilingual/pdfs/PGuideArabic.pdf>

Individualized Education Program (IEP) Development Process  
*Downloadable IEP forms, available in Arabic.*  
[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530\\_6598\\_36168-236252--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6598_36168-236252--,00.html)

### **Community Organizations**

The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS)  
*A Dearborn, MI based, non-profit agency that provides health and human services, employment services, youth programs, educational and cultural programs and civic engagement, and social entrepreneurship services to empower individuals families and communities.* <http://www.accesscommunity.org>

Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)  
*Non-profit organization serving Middle Eastern and mainstream communities in Southeast Michigan.* <http://www.myacc.org/>